



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans
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History: In 1874, San Antonio was erected as a diocese from a portion of the Diocese of Galveston and elevated to an archdiocese in 1926. San Antonio and its predecessors have administered the following Indian missions and parishes:

1690/1731-1824 (no longer identifiable Indian), 1915-present (San Antonio, 1874-present)	San Francisco de la Espada/ San Francisco de los Neches/ Nuestro Padre San Francisco de los Tejas/ San Francisco de los Tejas Mission (Caddo, Coahuiltecan, and Mestizos), San Antonio/ [Austin/ Alto/ Bowles Creek/ Augusta, Texas]
1700-1793 (closed) (San Antonio, 1874)	San Antonio de Valero [El Alamo]/ San José/ San Francisco Solano/ San Ildefonso Mission (Coahuiltecan), San Antonio, Texas/ [San José/ Guerrero/ Zaragosa, Coahuila, Mexico]
1716-1819 (closed) (San Antonio, 1874)	Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de los Hainais Mission (Caddo, Coahuiltecan, and Hasinai), San Antonio/ [Douglass, Texas]
1716-1794, 1876 (no longer identifiable Indian)-1920s, ca. 1967-present (San Antonio, 1874)	San Juan Capistrano/ San José de los Nazonis Mission (Caddo, Coahuiltecan, and Mestizos), San Antonio/ [Austin/ Cushing, Texas]
1720-1824 (closed) (San Antonio, 1874)	San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Mission (Apache, Caddo, Coahuiltecan, Karankawa, and Mestizos) San Antonio, Texas
1722-1830 (closed) (San Antonio, 1874)	Nuestra Señora del Espíritu Santo de Zúñiga (La Bahía) Mission (Karankawa), [Mission Valley/ Matagorda Bay, Texas]
1754-1781, 1789-1807 (closed) (San Antonio, 1874)	Nuestra Señora del Rosario Mission (Karankawa), [Goliad County, Texas]

1791-1850s (no longer Indian) (San Antonio, 1874)	San Fernando Cathedral (Coahuiltecan and Mestizos), San Antonio, Texas
1793-1830 (closed) (San Antonio, 1874)	Nuestra Señora del Refugio Mission (Karankawa), [Refugio/ Mosquito Creek/ Long Mott, Texas]
1970-present (San Antonio, 1970-2000)	Our Lady of Refuge Church (Kickapoo), Eagle Pass

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1703-present

Volume: Approximately 8.5 cubic feet

Description: 7 collections and series include Native Catholic records.

/1 Bishop's Papers

Inclusive dates: 1980s

Volume: Approximately .1 cubic foot

Description: Correspondence of Archbishop Patrick Fernández Flores (1929-),
re: establishment of reservation for Kickapoo Indians, Eagle Pass, Texas.

/2 "San Fernando Cathedral Records"

Inclusive dates: 1703-1824

Volume: Several entries

Description: Sacramental records (baptisms, marriages, and deaths) for San
Fernando Cathedral and its attended missions:

- a. San Antonio de Valero (El Alamo) Mission, San Antonio, Texas, 1703-ca.
1803
- b.** San Carlos Mission, Vallecillo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, 1788-1823
- c. San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas, 1761-1911
- d. San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Mission, San Antonio, Texas, 1777-1824

/3 "San Fernando Historical Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1703-1877

Volume: .4 cubic foot and 3 reels of microfilm

Description: Arranged numerically by book number; believed to include some
sacramental entries for American Indians and/or Mestizos

- a. Book 1: San Antonio de Valero Mission [El Alamo] [San Francisco
Solano], San Antonio, baptisms, 1703-1783; marriages and prenuptial
inquiries (also military), 1709-1825; burials, 1710-1782 (includes some
transcripts from a previous volume, 1722-1724); noted as "Indian"
without further ethnic description
- b. Book 2: Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña Mission, San
Antonio, marriages, 1731-1790; San José y San Miguel de Aguayo Mission,
San Antonio, combined book, baptisms, 1777-1823, marriages, 1795-1822,
burials, 1781-1824
- c. Book Combined 2: San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, combined book,
baptisms, 1731-1753, confirmations, 1759, marriages, 1742-1760, deaths,
1744-1760
- d. Book 3: San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, baptisms, 1761-1793,
baptism index, 1800-1877
- e. Book 4: San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, baptisms, 1793-1812

/4 "Camargo Historical Records Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1755-1880

Volume: Approximately 2 cubic feet and 5 reels of microfilm

Description: Diligencias matrimoniales [prenuptial investigations] believed mostly from Santa Ana de Camargo Mission (Coahuiltecan and Mestizos), Camargo, Coahuila, Mexico and the attended communities of Camargo, Reynosa, Mier, Vitoria, Monterrey, Saltillo, Mexico and Bexar, Texas, arranged chronologically; in Spanish.

/5 "Old Spanish Missions Collection"

Inclusive dates: 1751-2000, n.d.

Volume: Approximately 6 cubic feet

Description: Records of the Archdiocesan Office of Old Spanish Missions, which are divided into part 1-General books, clippings, correspondence, ephemera, reports, and speeches arranged alphabetically by topic or document type and there under chronologically; and part 2-ephemera and books arranged by the headings "[San Antonio] Missions National Park," general mission materials, "[La Purisima] Concepción Mission," "[San Francisco de la] Espada Mission," "San José [y Miguel] Mission," and "San Juan [Capistrano] Mission," then alphabetically by topic or document type, and there under chronologically; re: archeology, history, restoration, and 20th century events at the San Antonio missions, which included descendants of American Indians.

/6 Diocesan Newspaper

Inclusive dates: 1972-present

Volume: Few articles

Description: *Today's Catholic*, <http://www.satodayscatholic.com/>, includes occasional articles relating to American Indians, Catholic evangelization, and the San Antonio missions.